

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

On page 1, line 5 of the specification, after "2002", insert -- now U.S. Patent No. 6,636,640 -- .

2. Claims 10-13 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of the record fail to teach or suggest singly and/or in combination an adaptive decoding system for receiving and decoding a plurality of video signals of different resolutions corresponding to a plurality of display units having the same resolutions which comprises an integrated services digital broadcasting receiver having a signal separator for receiving and separating ISDB data into a bit stream encoded with adaptive dynamic range coding, additive information, and a time code, an adaptive information decoder for decoding the additive information, an ADRC decoding circuit for demultiplexing and decoding the bit stream on a block basis using the time code and forming the decoded blocks of the bit stream into the plurality of video signals using a frame forming circuit, and a selector for selectively outputting the decoded plurality of video signals and the decoded additive information to the corresponding plurality of display units having the same resolution as prescribed for in the claimed invention.

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4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Chen et al., Ueno et al., Frencken et al. disclose systems similar to applicant's claimed invention.

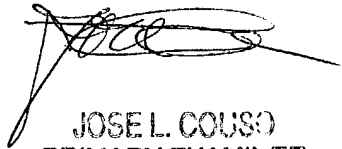
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jose L. Couso whose telephone number is (703) 305-4774. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Boudreau, can be reached on (703) 305-4706. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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